

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
INSURANCE**

Thursday, June 23, 2005

9:00 a.m.

Room 521 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Insurance was called to order by the Chair.

Members present: Reps. Hune, Robertson, Emmons, Gaffney, Sheen, Ball, Hildenbrand, David Law, Marleau, Mortimer, Hood, Adamini, Leland, Anderson, Wojno, Condino, Farrah.

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Robertson moved to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2005 meeting. Representative Condino supported the motion. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4904 before the committee.

HB 4904 Hildenbrand Insurance; no-fault; coordinated coverage for personal protection insurance benefits; provide for general amendments.

Representative Dave Hildenbrand, sponsor of HB 4904, testified in support of the bill.

John Prosser II of Health Partners testified in opposition to the bill.

Krystal Rourke of the Office of Financial and Insurance Services testified in opposition to the bill. Ms. Rourke also submitted written testimony. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

The following individuals submitted cards in support of the bill, but did not wish to testify:

Jim Miller of Farm Bureau Insurance.

Peter Kuhnmuensch of the Insurance Institute of Michigan.

Eric Henning of the Michigan Insurance Coalition.

Rick Duranczyk of the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association.

The following individuals submitted cards in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to testify:

Doug Borruso of the Michigan Osteopathic Association.

Tom Masseau of the Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service.

Michael Gillet of Health Partners, Inc.

Ken Fletcher of the Michigan State AFL-CIO.

The following individuals wished to testify in opposition to the bill, but were unable due to time

constraints:

Artesia McNeal of Irvine Head Injury, Inc. Ms. McNeal also submitted written testimony.
Cindi Alwood of the Michigan Rehabilitation Association.

The Chair laid HB 4742 before the committee.

HB 4742 Hune Insurance; no-fault; managed care option for personal injury protection (PIP) coverage; provide for.

Representative Joe Hune, sponsor of HB 4742, testified in support of the bill.

Brennan Schwarz of the House Republican Policy Office testified on the bill.

Mark Churella of FDI Group/ManageAbility, Inc. testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Lynn Brouwers of the Coalition To Protect Auto No-Fault and Spectrum Health testified in opposition to the bill. Ms. Brouwers also submitted written testimony. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Krystal Rourke and Fran Wallace of the Office of Financial and Insurance Services testified in opposition to the bill. Ms. Rourke and Ms. Wallace also submitted written testimony.

Paul Stransky and Tom Griggs of Farmers Insurance testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Dave Walker and Carmel Roberts of the Michigan Association of Insurance Agents testified and indicated concerns with the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

The following individuals submitted cards in support of the bill, but did not wish to testify:

Peter Kuhnmuench of the Insurance Institute of Michigan.

Dave Field of Allstate Insurance.

Jim Miller of Farm Bureau Insurance.

The following individuals submitted cards in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to testify:

Nadine Nosal of the UAW International Union.

Colin Ford of the Michigan State Medical Society. Mr. Ford also submitted written testimony.

Lynn Weimeister of William Beaumont Hospital.

Cindi Alwood of the Michigan Rehabilitation Association.

Michael Gillet of Health Partners, Inc.

Tom Masseau of the Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service.

Rick Duranczyk of the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association.

Erik Harris of the Michigan Nurses Association.

Doug Borruso of the Michigan Osteopathic Association.

Laura Appel of the Michigan Health and Hospital Association. Ms. Appel also submitted written testimony. Carl Alden of the Michigan Chiropractic Society.

Ken Fletcher of the Michigan State AFL-CIO.

The following individuals wished to testify in support of the bill, but were unable due to time constraints:

Erik Henning and Stuart Birn of the Michigan Insurance Coalition.

The following individuals wished to testify in opposition to the bill, but were unable due to time constraints:

Artesia McNeal of the Irvine Head Injury, Inc. Ms. McNeal also submitted written testimony.

John Prosser II of Health Partners.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

Representative Joe Hune, Chair_____

Dan Stump, Committee Clerk

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